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SUBJECT: EIGHTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING

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1. EMBOFF MADE POINTS OUTLINED REFTTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAAKON STORHAUG ON MAY 12 WHO SAID HE WOULD CONSULT IN MINISTRY AND WITH SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENTS. STORHAUG CALLED ON MAY 16 TO SAY THAT BOTH UK AND NORWEGIANS BELIEVE SPECIALLY PROTECTED MARINE AREAS AND MARINE SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST SHOULD BE LEFT ON AGENDA. HE SAID NEITHER UK NOR NORWAY THOUGHT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD OR WOULD BE MADE BUT THEY DID THINK INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION BASED ON THE SCAR PAPERS SHOULD PROCEED.

2. NEITHER GOVERNMENT, STORHAUG SAID, THOUGHT IT WAS NECESSARY AT THIS STAGE TO REVISE THE DRAFT AGENDA ON MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. HE SAID THAT PURELY FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STANDPOINT IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM TO CONSULT WITH ALL PARTIES AND MAKE NECESSARY PAPER CHANGES AT THIS DATE. NORWEGIAN AND UK SUGGESTION WAS THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE RAISED
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IN NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS WHEN AGENDA IS CON-

SIDERED AT MEETING, AND THEY SAW NO REASON WHY US
CHANGE SUGGESTION COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED READILY
THEN.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT NORWEGIANS AND UK
DO NOT SHARE THE SAME SENSITIVITY WE DO OVER THE
RESOURCE ISSUE, AND THEY WISH TO PROCEED WITH THE
EIGHTH MEETING IN THE SAME UNFORMALIZED OPEN
MANNER WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THESE SESSIONS IN THE
PAST. EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT IS THAT UNLESS WE WANT TO
LAY OUR CONCERNS DIRECTLY ON THE TABLE WE WOULD DO
BEST BY FACING THESE ISSUES AND ANY PROBLEMS THEY MAY
CAUSE HEAD ON IN THE MEETING, SINCE APPEARING TO
TINKER WITH THE AGENDA CONTINUES TO RAISE THE SUSPICION
THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING UP OUR SLEEVE ON THE RESOURCE
ISSUE.
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